

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson

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MASS SCHEDULE . . .
Celebrating Our Faith This Week

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30

4:00 pm @ SA + Fr. Verhoye by Bobby & Ardith Burton

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am @ SH - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

9:30 am @ SA + Reuben DeSmith by Friends of the Family

Monday, January 1

No Mass

Tuesday, January 2 *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bps. & Drs.*

5:30 pm @ SA + Wilbur Egert by Craig and Pam Johnson

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 am @ SH + Mary Johnson by Ron Johnson

Thursday, January 4 *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

8:00 am @ SA + Joann Vandemore by Altar and Rosary Society

Friday, January 5 *Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

8:00 am @ SA + Lucille Buysse by Sharon Sturtewagen

The Epiphany Of The Lord

Saturday, January 6

4:00 pm @ SA + Joe Buysse by Marshall and Valerie Plumley

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am @ SH - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

9:30 am @ SA + Justin Nelson by Marshall and Valerie Plumley

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony - January 6

Lector: Janice Wyffels

EMHC: Toot Causemaker, Jean Causemaker, David VanDeVelde

Altar Servers: **Two Volunteers Needed**

Ushers: Bobby Burton, Lynn Cathelyn, Gerald Buysse, Vince Schopp

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - January 7

Lector: Rod Jackson

EMHC: Renee Jackson

Ushers: Rod Jackson, Tony VanOpdorp

Collection Counters: Renee Jackson, Eldon & Debbie Croegart

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - January 7

Lector: Gary Olson

EMHC: Mary Kay Franks, Loren Jackson, Valerie Plumley

Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley, William Plumley

Ushers: Daniel DeSmith, Mark Murphy, Shane Sturtewagen, Ken Taber

Please remember these parishioners who ask for your prayers.

Connie Altman, Dave Colgan, Mary Frank, Dean Lewis,
Mary Lou DeCausemaker, Katelyn DeRycke,
Evelyn DeSplinter, Annie Eastman, Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf,
Dan Longeville, Barry Miller, Vera Minnaert,
Loretta Minnaert, Dave Nanninga, Gia Samuels,
Susan Stontz, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Bernadine Betcher, Judy Thome,
Benjamin Rosenberg, Albert Boelens,

St. Anthony's Music Ministry

Sunday, December 31: Choir sings at 9:30 am

Sunday, January 7: Choir sings at 9:30 am

Sunday, January 14: Choir sings at 9:30 am

Saturday, January 20: Choir sings at 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 28: Choir sings at 9:30 am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Parish Updates

Sunday December 31: SH No CCD

Wednesday January 3: SA No CCD

A Christmas Prayer

Oh, God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forging and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

-Robert Louis Stevenson



Thank you to the musicians- On behalf of the parishioners a big word of thanks for those who lent their voices and who played their instruments so beautifully for Christmas. All your efforts at the service of the Sacred Liturgy is a wonderful testimony. St. Augustine says "He who sings prays twice," so you must be "prayed up," "Rejoice and be glad your reward will be in heaven." Many thanks!

- Father Engelbrecht



Sharing in the Work of Christ
through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (26 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,361.54	\$61,400.04
Income:	\$1,872.00	\$65,585.29
Difference (+ or-):	- \$489.54	\$4,185.25

Christmas Offering: \$ 3,248.00 Human Development: \$20
Immaculate Conception: \$10

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (26 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,211.54	\$31,500.04
Income:	\$506.00	\$23,583.00
Difference (+ or-):	- \$705.54	- \$8,117.04

Christmas Offering: \$745, Utility: \$50, Flowers: \$25

Monday, January 1st is the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Since it is a Monday, this is not a holy day of obligation this year. Please note there will NOT be a Mass said on Monday.

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. The office will be open on Thursday, January 3rd during normal hours.

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass during the Christmas Season. Incense was used in the worship of God 2,000 years ago and is employed in the Church's Sacred Liturgy today. The sweet smelling incense rising up to heaven reminds us of our prayers rising up to God. At Christmas we celebrate our God who so loved us that he sent his only Son down to us. This perfectly represents what happens at Mass—God comes to us and we are taken up to God. There might be some that would prefer to avoid Masses with incense, so I inform you presently.

Thank you to Vandemore Funeral Home for providing the beautiful **Calendars for 2018**. The calendars may be picked up at the doors of both churches.

2017 annual contribution letters will be mailed out to Sacred Heart and St. Anthony parishioners at the end of January. Due to printing deadlines, any financial contribution received, at the office, after January 6th will be marked as a 2018 contribution. The St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society, Pro-Life & Family committee is collecting baby items for the **Christ Child Society** during the month of January. Items donated will be added to a layette given to at-risk babies born in Central Illinois. We are looking for 0-3 month diapers, sleepers, blankets, wipes, onesies, baby wash, bottles, booties, washcloths or monetary donations. Please drop off items in the vestibule. For more information contact Valerie Plumley 309-944-2219

A Healing Mass will be on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rock Island, 2810 5th Ave. All are welcome to participate in the monthly Healing Mass and time of prayer. A beautiful celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by a time of worship, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer of healing for each individual that wishes to participate and closing with a Benediction. For questions please contact Gina Howell gmhowell1011@gmail.com

There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help your parish. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to your parish during 2017 and have it distributed free of federal income tax. What a wonderful way to help their parish. Please call your tax advisor.

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal
Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are pledge cards in the vestibule. Every dollar raised to make our goals supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goals will be kept in the parishes for improvements.

St. Anthony Update:
We have pledges of \$24,485 toward our goal of \$34,445. Leaving a balance of \$9,960. We have received pledge cards from 96 families for 71% of our goal.

Sacred Heart Update:
We have pledges of \$10,318 toward our goal of \$15,348. Leaving a balance of \$5,030. We have received pledge cards from 69 families for 67% of our goal.

The Church promotes us having Masses offered for the deceased. When the faithful ask for a Mass to be offered on behalf of someone who is deceased, the intention is ascribed to a particular Mass. Then the priest offering the Mass has the intention of offering the Mass for that particular intention. What is important in this effort for the deceased, is the intention of the priest. Whether the intention is voiced in the prayers of the faithful or published in the bulletin is for our benefit to prompt the congregation to remember the repose of the souls of the deceased. When a priest offers a Mass for the repose of a soul, the infinite graces, mercy and satisfaction of Christ's sacrifice are applied to the soul of the departed. Should the soul of the departed be already in heaven those prayers are not lost but applied to a soul in need of prayer.

To Schedule a Mass for your departed loved one, please contact the church office at 309-936-7900 or come in during office hours. A Mass stipend of \$10 is requested for each Mass.

Prayer to Blessed Virgin Mary
God our Father, may we always profit by the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm at St. Anthony
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. at Sacred Heart
or by appointment with priest.

Area Parishes
St. Malachy (Geneseo)
Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 am
St. John Paul II (Kewanee)
Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 am;
1pm Spanish

Baptism for Infants
Please call for an appointment to schedule Baptism preparation for your family.

Holy Matrimony
Please arrange an appointment with a priest at least eight months before the proposed wedding date to allow time for all necessary marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick
Call the church anytime someone is dying. If you are unable to attend Mass (hospitalized or at home) please call so Holy Communion and pastoral care can be administered.

New Parishioners
Welcome to our parishes! Please call the church office to register or if you have questions about our community.

Parish Cemeteries
St. Anthony Cemetery: Contact Bill Carmichael, Jr., (309)936-7651. Sacred Heart Cemetery: Contact Adam DeRycke at (309) 935-6080

Parish Halls Rental
The halls of both parishes are available for receptions and other gatherings. Please contact the office for further details.

Bulletin Deadline
Copy must be submitted by Wednesday at 4:00 pm to: office@stanthonysatkinson.org or mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235